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1. COMMERCE MINISTRY HAS CHARGED DANISH COMPANY A.P. MOLLER WITH VIOLATION OF ITS SOLE-CONCESSION ON OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION IN DENMARK. MINISTRY IS THREATENING TO REVOKE NATURAL GAS PART OF CONCESSION ON GROUNDS THAT A.P. MOLLER (THROUGH DANISH SUBSOIL CONSORTIUM, DUC) HAS NOT KEPT OBLIGATION TO EXPLOIT DEPOSITS TO NATURAL GAS. ACCORDING TO DANISH PRESS, THIS IS SUPPORTED BY A STUDY RECENTLY COMPLETED BY OUTSIDE CONTRACTORS (DEGOYLER & MACNAUGHTON).

2. GOVERNMENT SOURCES HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE COMMERCE MINISTER
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WILL SOON INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH A.P. MOLLER, THE SUM OF WHICH

IS TO PERSUADE DUC TO BEGIN GAS EXPLOITATION. SHOULD THESE DISCUSSIONS FAIL, GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION TO HAVE THE NATURAL GAS PART OF THE SOLE-CONCESSION REVOKED.

3. THE ABOVE RELECTS DANISH GOVERNMENT'S GROWING CONCERN FOR COMPLETE CONTROL OF ENERGY SECTOR AND POSSIBILITIES FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES.
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